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Amendments to the Specification:

At Page 4, please replace the paragraph starting at line 7 and ending at line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Desirable attributes of a corporate portal system include the ability to extract information from a wide variety of different formats (e.g., MICROSOFT OFFICE™, LOTUS NOTES™, VISIO™, HTML, ADOBE PDF™ Microsoft Office, Lotus Notes, Visio, HTML, Adobe PDF, etc.), and the ability to organize access to that information in a meaningful manner appropriate for the enterprise. A further desirable attribute is high extensibility, i.e., the ability to be extended to accommodate and bring together many heterogeneous enterprise network systems. In addition to being important during high corporate growth periods or merger activity, extensibility is also important for "future-proofing" of the corporate portal, such that information systems and data formats not currently in existence can be accommodated in the future. Yet another important attribute is security, wherein access to sensitive internal information is selectively brokered among different classes or types of employees, or selectively provided to certain users outside the company.

At Page 14, please replace the paragraph starting at line 4 and ending at line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with a preferred embodiment, crawler 416 further comprises the capability to extract from the file system of a discovered object the native security settings corresponding to that object. The location and format of the native security settings will depend upon the type of system used in the external domain (e.g., NT™, LOTUS NOTES™, SOLARIS™ NT, Lotus Notes,